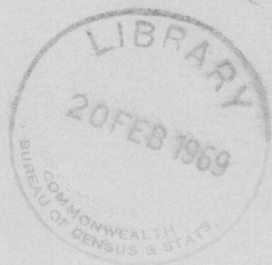


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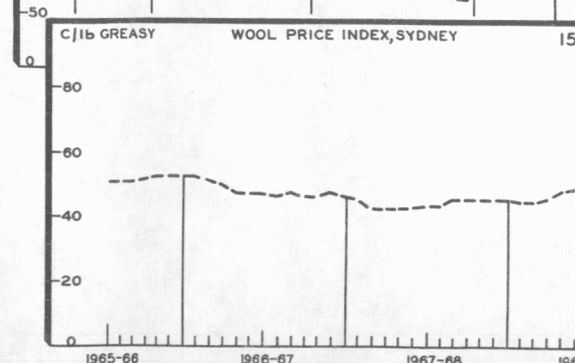
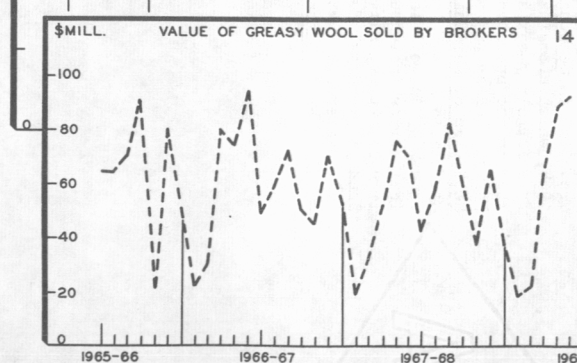
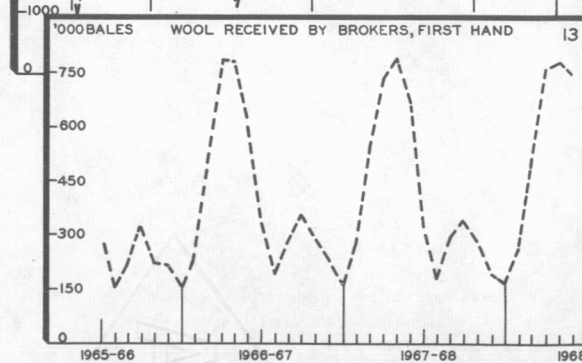
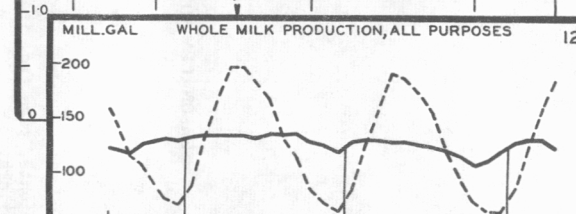
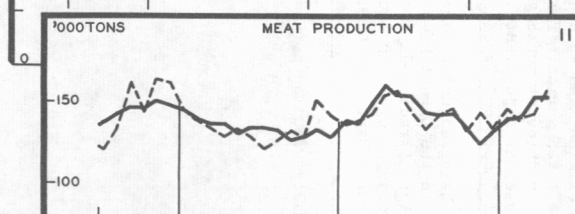
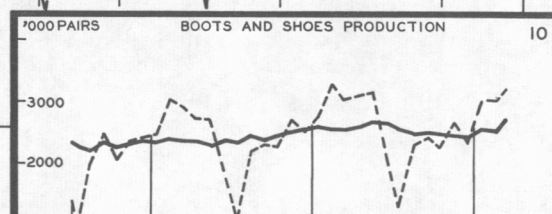
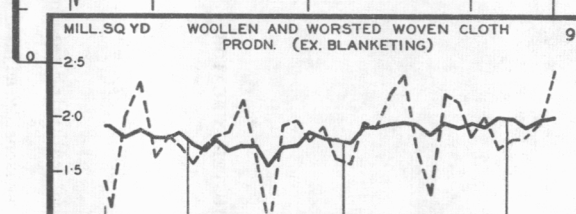
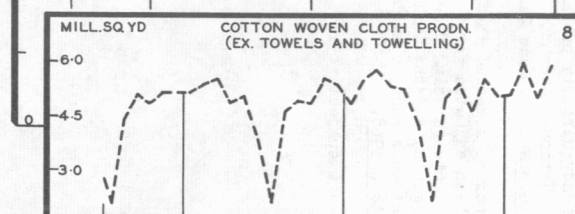
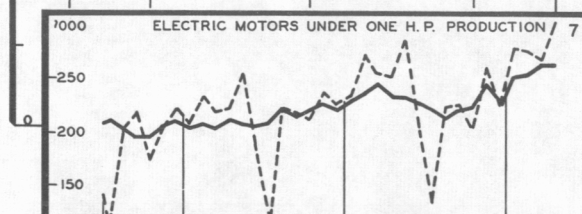
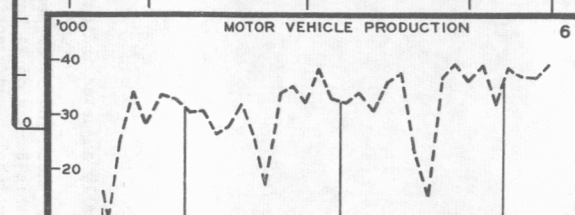
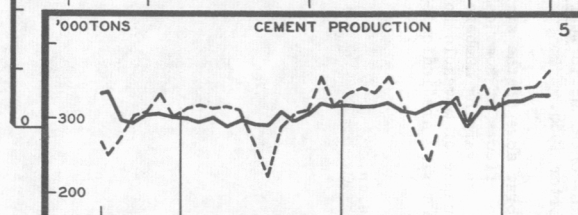
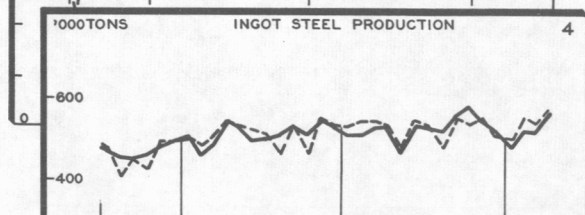
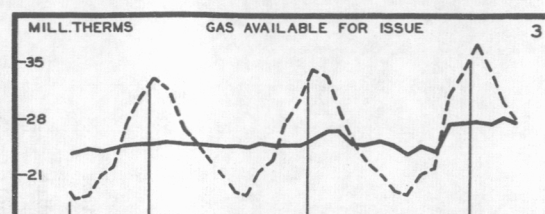
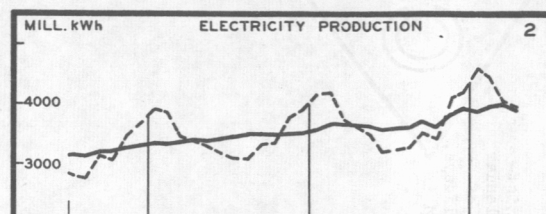
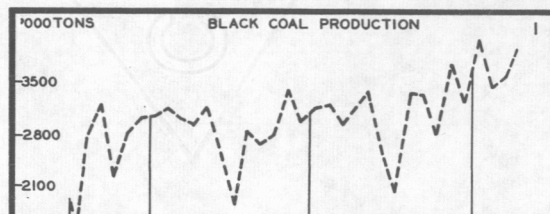
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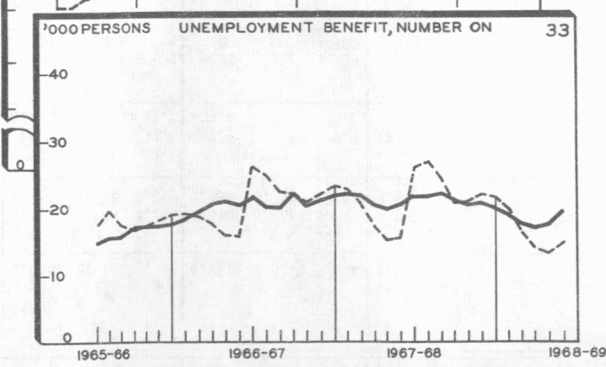
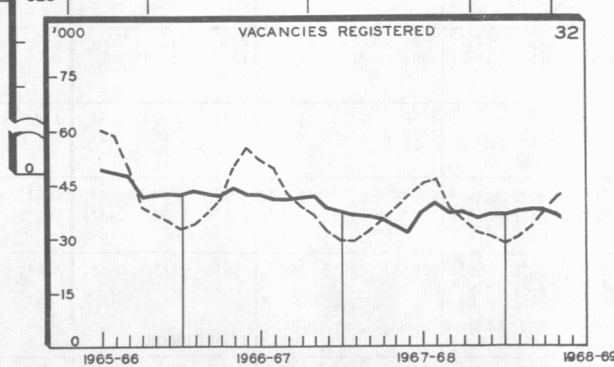
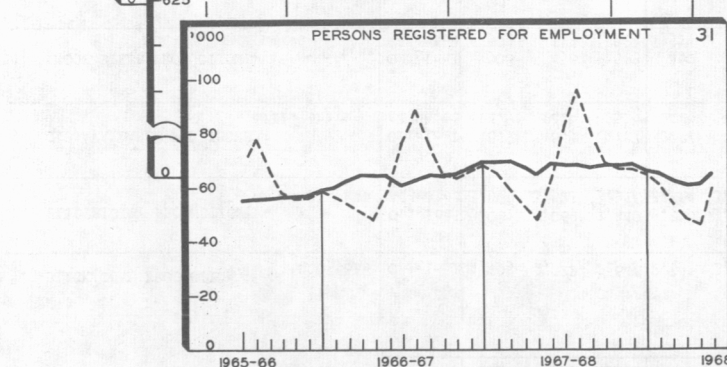
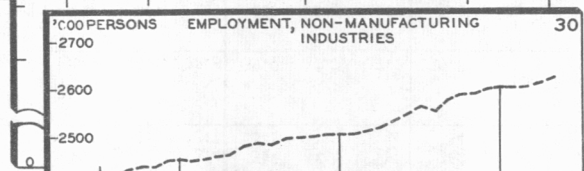
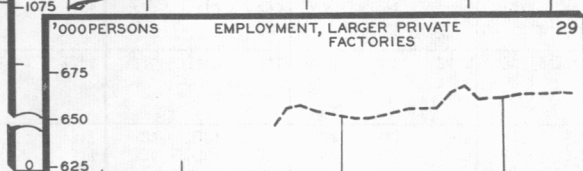
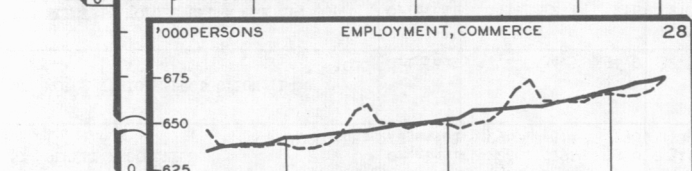
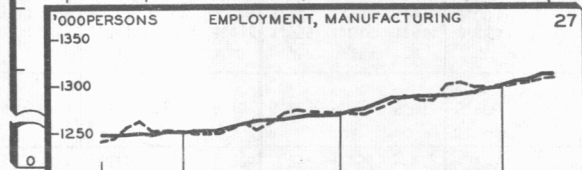
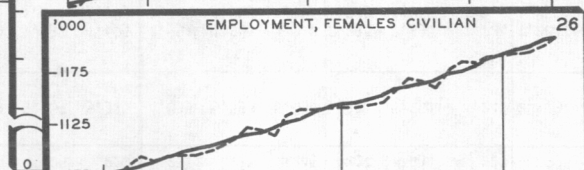
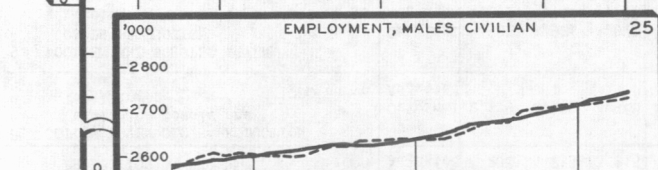
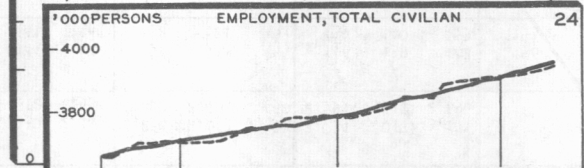
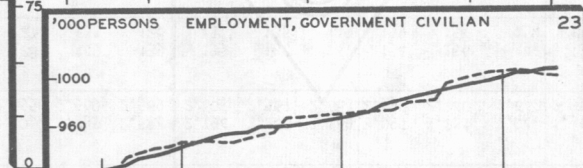
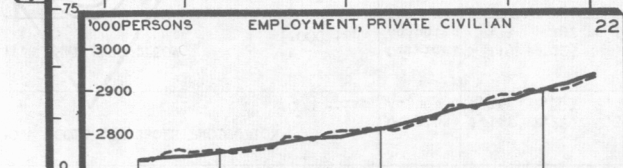
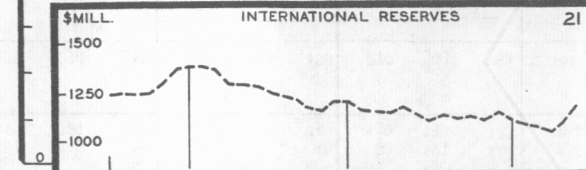
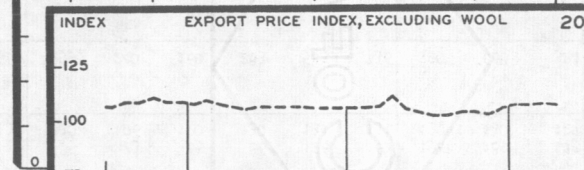
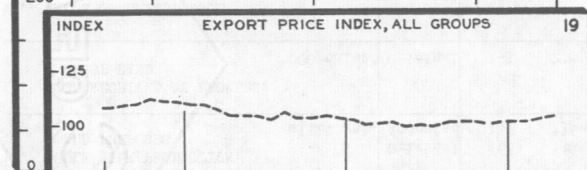
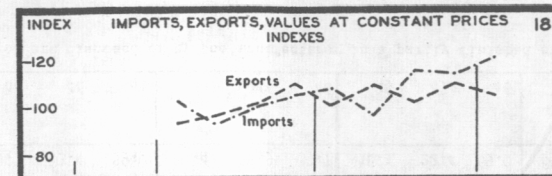
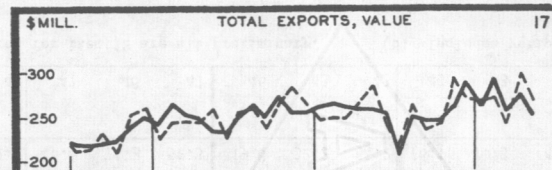
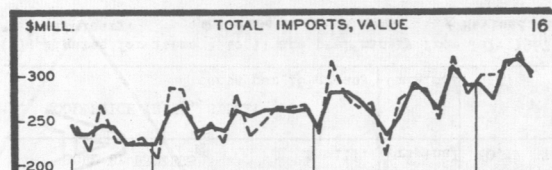
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PRODUCTION, ETC. (a)																									
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	1,705	2,922	2,646	2,741	3,471	2,942	3,150	3,136	2,950	3,166	3,382	2,496	^f 1,992	^f 3,367	^f 3,341	^f 2,814	^f 3,760	^f 3,263	4,097	3,430	3,566	3,960	
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh	Original	3,081	3,069	3,340	3,340	3,798	3,883	4,177	4,205	3,757	3,611	3,513	3,207	3,240	3,280	3,541	3,433	4,143	4,256	^f 4,640	^f 4,474	^f 4,033	^f 3,958	
		Adjusted	3,506	3,523	3,516	3,514	3,540	3,533	3,588	3,695	3,705	3,622	3,659	3,563	3,628	3,646	3,731	3,632	3,876	3,559	3,896	3,956	4,013	3,919	
3. GAS AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	mill. therms	Original	18.9	18.5	21.7	22.7	28.1	30.4	34.0	33.3	28.4	25.0	22.3	21.2	18.8	18.3	21.2	21.9	31.1	33.8	37.5	34.8	29.9	27.8	
		Adjusted	24.9	24.6	25.5	24.8	25.0	24.7	25.6	26.7	26.7	24.8	24.8	25.3	24.7	23.5	24.6	24.1	27.8	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.2	27.6	
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	508	456	523	462	553	530	526	540	541	530	477	544	527	479	548	530	551	505	497	552	539	565	
		Adjusted	503	513	524	511	545	528	507	513	524	525	470	530	522	516	556	577	542	515	480	520	520	561	
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	223	291	308	311	354	317	336	341	333	354	324	277	240	312	329	296	347	314	341	344	345	366	
		Adjusted	296	314	298	309	324	317	322	321	321	324	313	307	317	324	323	291	317	317	323	325	334	334	
6. MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION (b)	'000	Original	17.2	34.5	36.0	32.8	39.1	33.4	32.8	34.8	31.1	36.8	38.1	24.3	15.6	37.2	40.0	36.6	39.8	32.8	39.0	37.7	37.2	39.8	
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE HP, PRODUCTION	'000	Original	111	213	216	210	236	227	235	273	253	251	287	202	131	224	227	204	261	223	280	276	267	304	
		Adjusted	208	213	215	219	225	220	231	237	245	234	234	229	222	213	221	228	246	228	252	254	263	263	
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding towels and towelling)	'000 sq yd	Original	2,119	4,629	4,968	4,839	5,587	5,375	4,835	5,553	5,830	5,334	5,251	4,247	2,173	4,936	5,434	4,611	5,551	5,101	5,225	6,054	5,074	5,908	
		Adjusted		@																					
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding blanketing)	'000 sq yd	Original	986	1,921	1,970	1,780	1,932	1,605	1,591	1,981	1,910	2,238	2,398	1,724	1,284	2,240	2,147	1,837	2,033	1,716	^f 1,959	^f 1,815	^f 1,961	2,448	
		Adjusted	1,545	1,746	1,750	1,876	1,801	1,789	1,782	1,929	1,906	1,949	1,962	1,959	1,850	1,963	1,924	1,961	1,925	2,005	^f 1,985	^f 1,904	^f 1,973	2,003	
10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	Original	1,111	2,229	2,354	2,305	2,739	2,584	2,794	3,280	3,169	3,095	3,231	2,040	1,318	2,330	2,433	2,264	2,663	2,303	3,034	3,017	3,171		
		Adjusted	2,364	2,503	2,442	2,495	2,560	2,589	2,607	2,567	2,683	2,599	2,740	2,662	2,554	2,512	2,534	2,493	2,493	2,450	2,591	2,512	2,696		
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	119	125	131	128	149	139	135	137	141	154	156	142	132	141	146	131	144	133	^f 146	^f 139	142	156	
		Adjusted	133	132	126	127	131	128	137	135	149	159	154	154	143	141	141	132	124	131	139	140	153	153	
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gal.	Original	168	130	116	85	73	65	86	126	160	194	189	173	155	119	96	74	66	65	88	127	161	186	
		Adjusted	137	136	137	130	126	120	130	131	131	130	130	127	125	121	116	109	113	123	130	133	133	124	
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND	'000 bales	Original	193	278	361	299	240	160	283	543	736	790	668	324	179	298	347	287	198	188	270	503	762	781	722
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS	\$ mill.	Original	60.1	73.3	51.1	46.6	71.3	52.3	19.8	32.2	55.2	76.1	70.3	42.4	59.3	83.4	59.0	37.4	65.9	37.7	18.1	22.4	69.0	89.0	92.3
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY	cents per lb greasy	Original	47	48	47	47	48	47	46	43	43	43	43	44	44	46	46	46	46	46	45	45	46	*	*
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(a) Figures for items 1 to 11 are preliminary from July 1967. Figures for item 12 are all preliminary.

(b) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

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		1966-67						1967-68									1968-69								
		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
OVERSEAS TRADE																									
16. TOTAL IMPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	279	233	250	265	264	269	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Adjusted	263	257	262	263	259	262	239	280	279	273	261	234	258	298	287	262	322	273	299	299	311	327	296
17. TOTAL EXPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	256	260	239	270	285	264	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Adjusted	253	265	251	275	255	256	266	260	264	258	257	254	204	259	234	240	293	272	265	269	238	297	265
18. INDEXES OF VALUES AT CONSTANT PRICES IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100 EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100		Original		100			105			108		97			115			114			122				
		Original		101			110			100		109				101			110			105			
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS 1959-60 = 100		Original	103	105	103	103	104	103	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL 1959-60 = 100		Original	106	107	107	106	106	106	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a)	\$ mill.	Original	1,236	1,215	1,175	1,158	1,197	1,198	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,170	1,146	1,092	1,131	1,102	1,117	1,096	1,143	1,092	1,079	1,060	1,037	1,091	1,174
EMPLOYMENT (b)																									
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (e)	'000 persons	Original	2,782	2,800	2,805	2,805	2,808	2,806	2,804	2,812	2,822	2,836	2,861	2,862	2,854	2,880	2,891	2,888	2,896	2,899	2,901	2,908	2,921	2,933	
		Adjusted	2,788	2,790	2,791	2,799	2,805	2,809	2,815	2,824	2,832	2,842	2,851	2,858	2,860	2,869	2,876	2,882	2,893	2,903	2,913	2,921	2,932	2,940	
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN	'000 persons	Original	956	967	967	968	970	970	971	972	972	973	977	980	983	996	999	1,001	1,003	1,004	1,005	1,004	1,003	1,000	
		Adjusted	960	961	962	963	965	967	970	972	976	980	983	985	987	990	993	996	998	1,001	1,004	1,004	1,007	1,007	
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original	3,739	3,767	3,772	3,773	3,778	3,775	3,775	3,783	3,794	3,809	3,838	3,842	3,837	3,876	3,889	3,889	3,899	3,903	3,907	3,912	3,924	3,934	
		Adjusted	3,746	3,751	3,754	3,762	3,771	3,776	3,785	3,796	3,808	3,822	3,833	3,842	3,845	3,859	3,870	3,878	3,891	3,904	3,917	3,925	3,939	3,947	
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original	2,622	2,634	2,633	2,633	2,638	2,635	2,635	2,640	2,646	2,654	2,671	2,676	2,678	2,699	2,704	2,706	2,712	2,714	2,716	2,719	2,724	2,726	
		Adjusted	2,623	2,622	2,623	2,625	2,631	2,634	2,640	2,647	2,656	2,665	2,673	2,678	2,679	2,687	2,693	2,698	2,698	2,705	2,713	2,722	2,727	2,734	
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original	1,116	1,133	1,139	1,139	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,143	1,148	1,155	1,167	1,166	1,159	1,177	1,185	1,183	1,187	1,189	1,190	1,193	1,200	1,207	
		Adjusted	1,123	1,129	1,130	1,137	1,140	1,143	1,145	1,149	1,152	1,156	1,160	1,165	1,166	1,172	1,176	1,180	1,187	1,191	1,195	1,198	1,204	1,208	
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	Original	1,260	1,273	1,277	1,274	1,273	1,271	1,271	1,271	1,272	1,282	1,290	1,283	1,284	1,300	1,305	1,298	1,299	1,300	1,302	1,304	1,307	1,310	
		Adjusted	1,265	1,265	1,266	1,269	1,271	1,272	1,274	1,276	1,277	1,286	1,289	1,290	1,289	1,291	1,293	1,293	1,297	1,301	1,305	1,307	1,312	1,313	
28. EMPLOYMENT, COMMERCE	'000 persons	Original	650	649	647	649	650	649	647	649	651	656	668	673	661	661	661	661	664	665	663	664	668	674	
		Adjusted	648	649	649	650	651	652	653	656	656	657	658	659	659	661	662	663	666	668	669	671	673	675	
29. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES	'000 persons	Original	647	656	658	655	653	651	651	651	652	654	656	656	656	664	668	661	662	662	663	663	663	664	663
30. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (c)	'000 persons	Original	2,479	2,494	2,495	2,499	2,505	2,504	2,504	2,511	2,517	2,526	2,549	2,558	2,553	2,575	2,585	2,591	2,600	2,603	2,604	2,608	2,617	2,624	
31. PERSONS REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT	'000	Original	89.0	76.3	64.9	64.0	66.2	68.5	65.4	59.8	53.2	48.6	63.0	83.6	96.2	79.1	69.4	67.0	67.3	65.3	61.4	53.5	48.4	46.5	59.8
		Adjusted	63.5	64.9	64.5	65.5	67.9	69.4	69.6	70.0	67.9	64.7	68.5	68.0	68.6	67.4	69.0	68.7	69.2	66.1	65.5	62.8	61.8	61.9	64.9
32. VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE	'000	Original	49.9	42.6	38.8	36.7	32.0	29.3	29.2	32.0	35.0	38.3	41.4	45.4	46.6	38.4	35.0	31.5	30.6	28.7	30.2	33.8	37.6	41.3	
		Adjusted	41.0	41.1	41.5	41.9	38.6	37.7	36.7	36.4	35.3	33.5	31.9	37.1	38.4	37.1	37.5	35.9	36.9	36.9	37.9	38.4	37.9	36.1	
33. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (d)	'000 persons	Original	25.0	22.2	22.1	20.9	22.0	23.4	23.0	20.8	17.2	15.3	15.7	26.3	26.7	24.2	21.0	21.1	21.8	21.3	19.8	16.8	14.2	13.3	14.8
		Adjusted	20.3	20.3	22.4	20.6	21.3	21.9	22.1	21.9	20.5	21.7	20.1	20.5	21.7	21.7	22.1	21.3	20.7	21.0	20.0	19.1	17.7	17.0	17.5

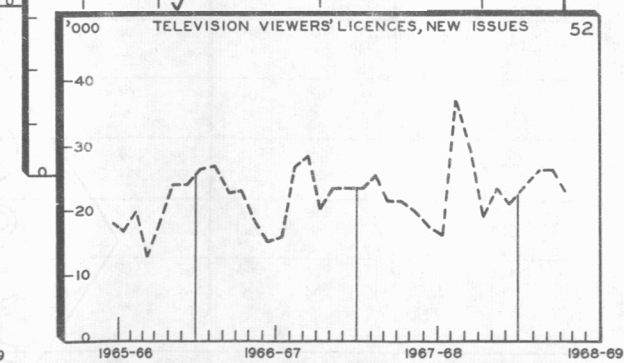
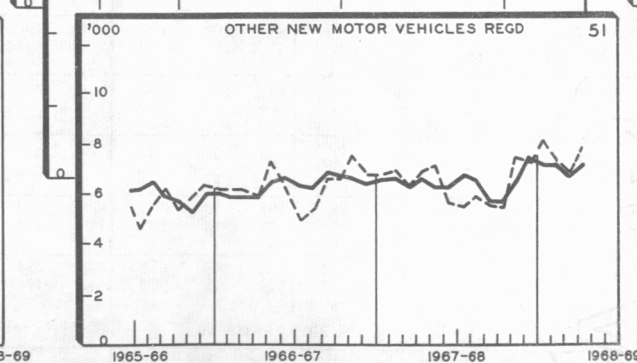
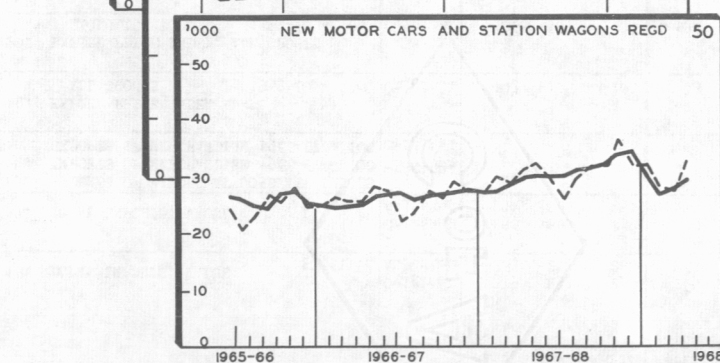
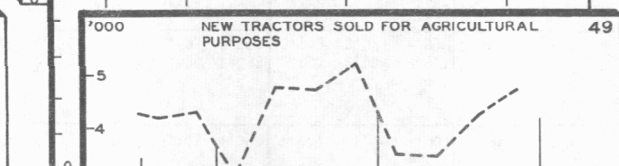
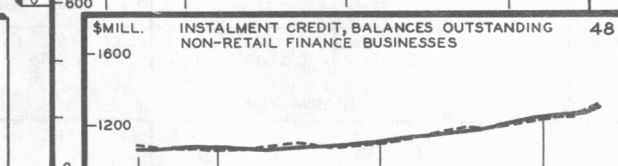
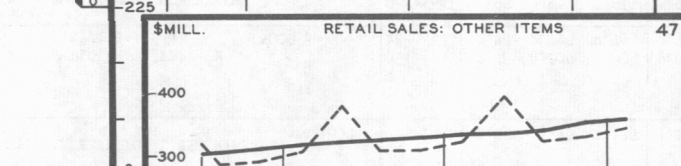
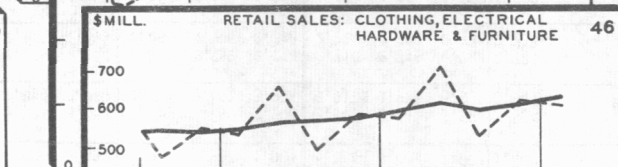
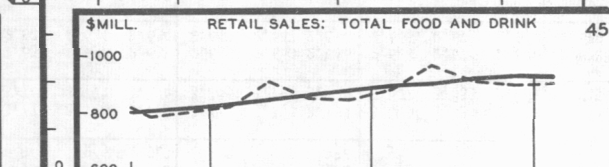
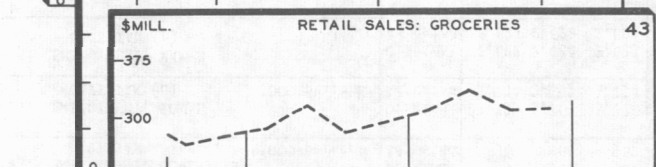
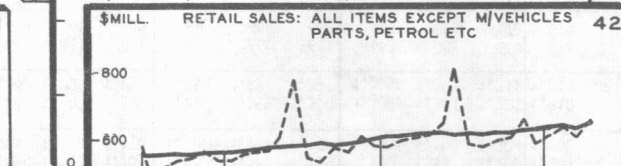
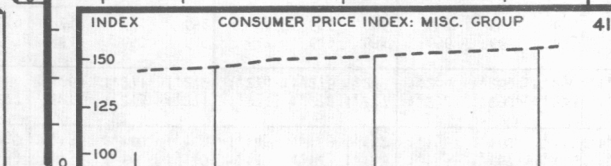
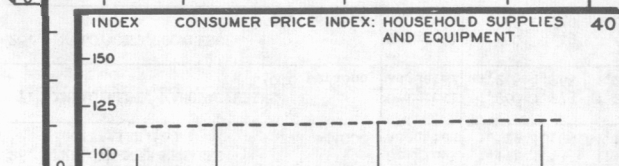
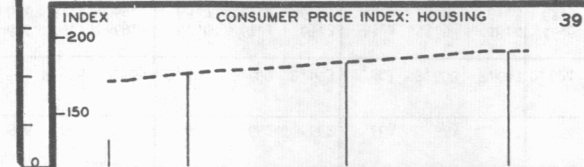
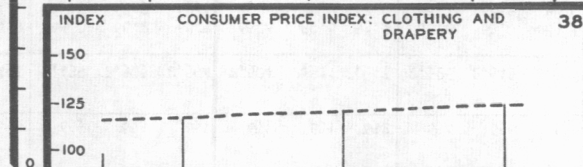
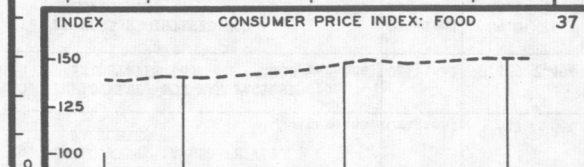
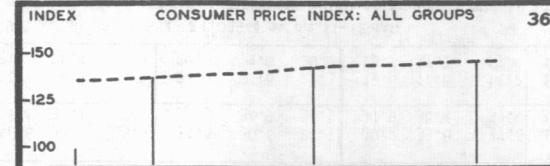
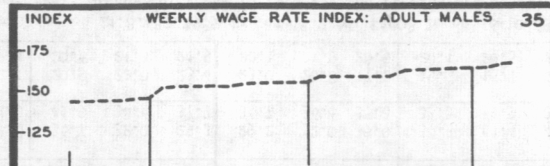
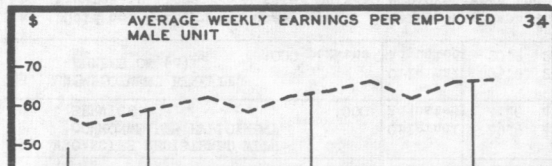
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(b) Figures in items 22-30 refer only to employed wage and salary earners. Except for those in item 29, the figures are subject to revision. (c) Excludes employees in rural industry and in private domestic service. (d) Last Saturday of month. (e) Reserves fell by \$24.8 m. between the last Wednesdays in October and November. This fall includes a loss of approx. \$113 m. resulting from the devaluation of

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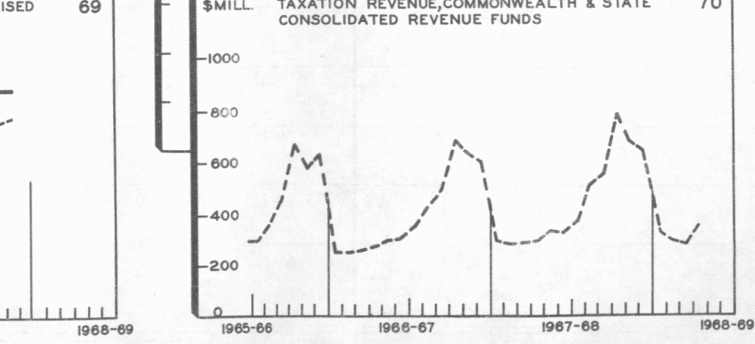
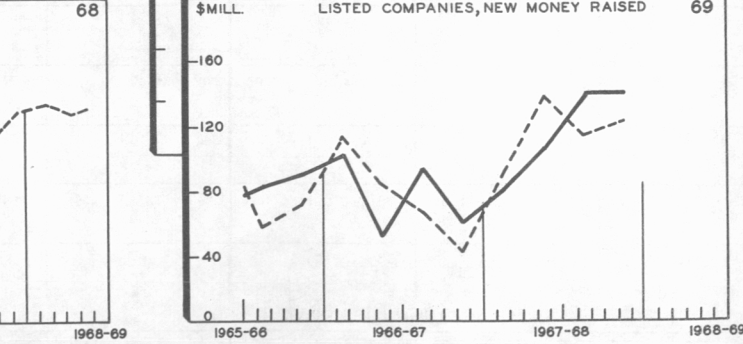
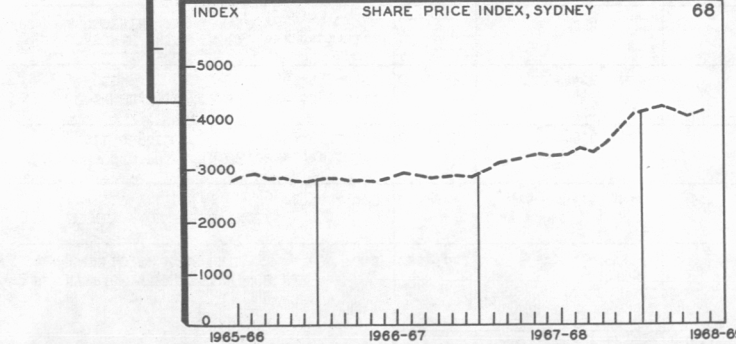
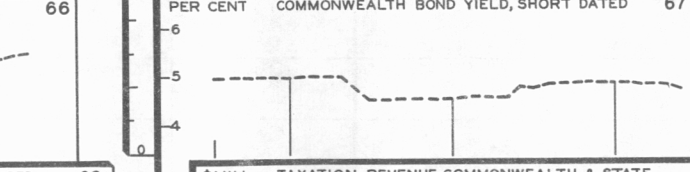
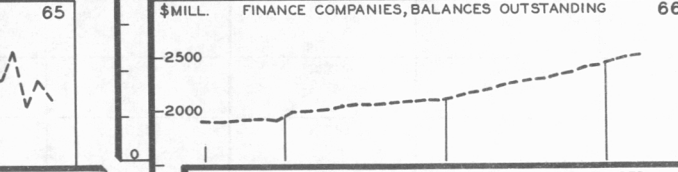
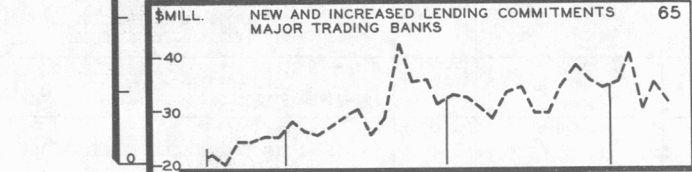
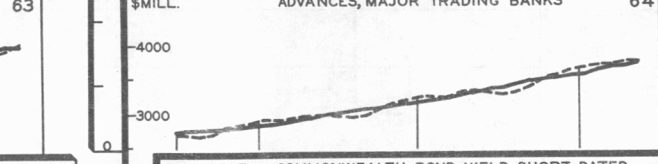
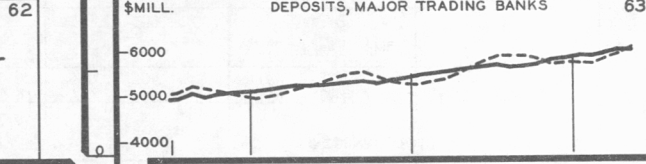
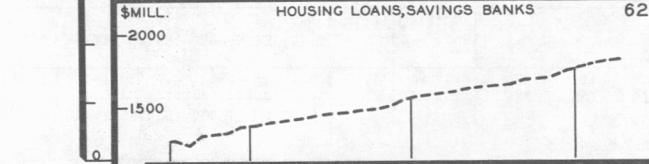
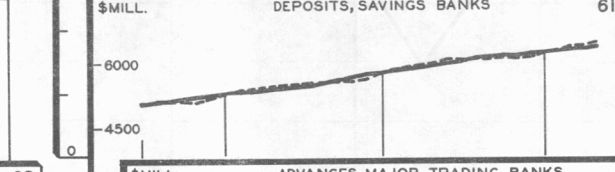
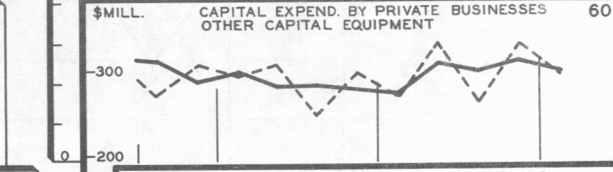
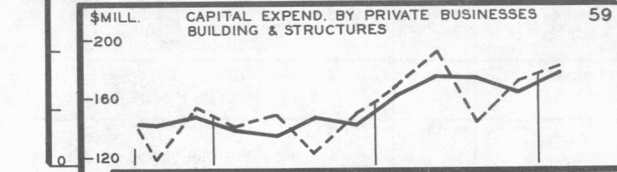
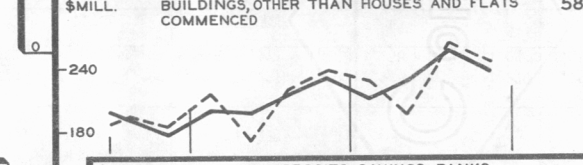
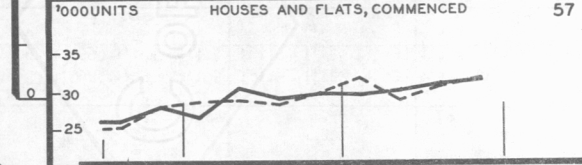
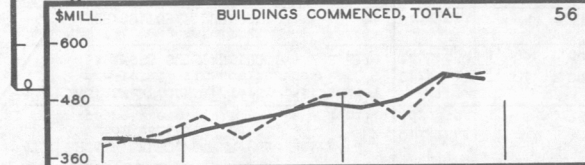
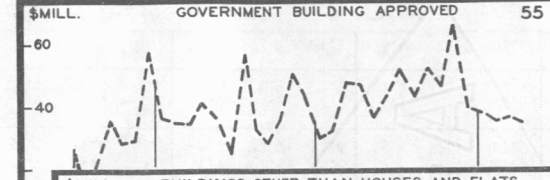
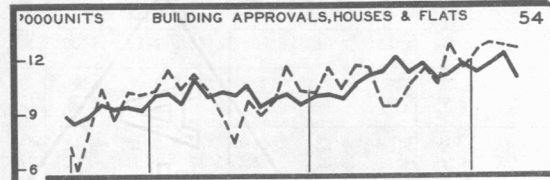
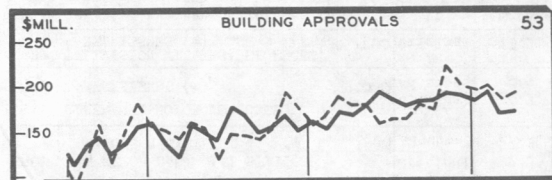


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WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																			
34. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	\$ Original	58.30			62.40			63.40		66.20			61.90		65.90		66.30		
35. WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX, ADULT MALES (a) 1954 = 100	Original	154.3	154.5	154.8	155.1	155.2	155.3	158.9	159.0	159.0	159.1	159.2	159.2	161.6	162.0	162.3	162.7	163.2	163.5
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS 1952-53 = 100	Original	138.9			140.6			142.5		142.9			143.5		144.6		145.2		
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD 1952-53 = 100	Original	141.6			144.2			148.3		147.0			148.0		149.4		149.0		
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals CLOTHING AND DRAPERY 1952-53 = 100	Original	119.7			120.8			121.2		122.0			122.3		122.9		123.5		
39. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING 1952-53 = 100	Original	179.5			182.5			184.4		186.7			187.6		190.0		191.3		
40. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 1952-53 = 100	Original	115.0			115.6			115.8		116.3			116.4		117.3		117.5		
41. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP 1952-53 = 100	Original	149.3			150.4			151.5		153.1			153.5		154.3		156.4		
INTERNAL TRADE																			
42. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b)	\$ mill. Original	544	530	574	559	609	577	574	597	604	608	650	817	589	578	599	598	659	586
	Adjusted	588	593	588	590	596	600	608	608	617	618	622	621	623	621	628	620	632	634
43. RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES (b)	\$ mill. Original	280			289			303		331			306		309				
44. RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill. Original	570			560			571		632			607		588				
45. RETAIL SALES, TOTAL FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill. Original	849			848			875		963			913		898				
	Adjusted	864			876			894		907			919		926				
46. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE (b)	\$ mill. Original	492			585			576		711			527		616				
	Adjusted	569			580			597		614			604		611				
47. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b)	\$ mill. Original	308			311			325		401			326		329				
	Adjusted	331			336			340		342			346		354				
48. INSTALLMENT CREDIT for retail sales, non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (c)	\$ mill. Original	1,106	1,093	1,088	1,092	1,097	1,103	1,110	1,122	1,133	1,151	1,171	1,186	1,196	1,193	1,199	1,210	1,227	1,237
	Adjusted	1,092	1,092	1,093	1,099	1,104	1,113	1,119	1,128	1,134	1,148	1,160	1,167	1,180	1,192	1,205	1,218	1,234	1,248
49. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No. Original	(f) 4,754			(f) 5,259			3,528		3,512			4,278		4,729				
50. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000 Original	22.2	23.4	27.7	26.0	29.1	27.5	27.3	30.2	28.6	31.4	32.5	29.6	25.7	29.7	31.6	31.7	36.8	31.6
	Adjusted	27.2	25.9	26.9	26.8	27.4	27.9	27.3	27.6	28.6	30.0	30.4	30.1	30.1	31.4	31.5	32.2	34.2	34.4
51. OTHER NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (d)	'000 Original	4.9	5.4	6.6	6.6	7.6	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.3	6.9	7.1	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.4	7.5	7.2
	Adjusted	6.4	6.3	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.5	5.6	5.6	6.5	7.5
52. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES (e)	'000 Original	16.0	26.9	28.3	20.1	23.6	23.7	23.3	25.4	21.4	21.5	20.1	17.6	16.5	36.8	28.8	19.0	23.3	21.2

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Items 42-7 exclude Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: Jan. 1968 \$65.8 m., Feb., \$67.1 m., March \$69.1 m.; April, \$68.9 m.; May \$78.2 m.; June \$67.1 m.; July \$73.5 m.; August \$70.4 m.; September \$69.9 m.; October \$86.0 m. (d) Other new vehicles includes utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (e) Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. Includes new issues to persons whose previous licence had expired; these may increase significantly in certain months due to special licence inspection campaigns of the P.K.G.'s Department. (f) Excludes wheel tractors of 15 horsepower or less.

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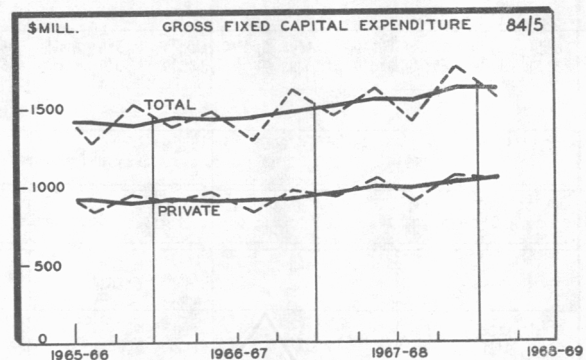
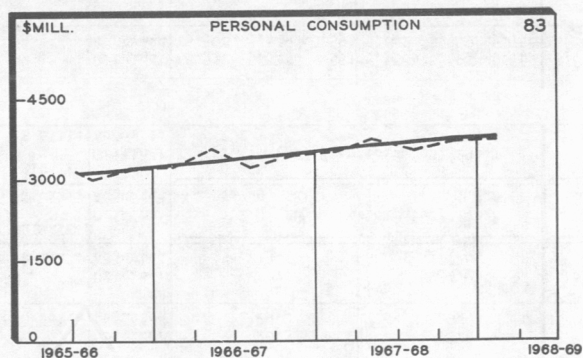
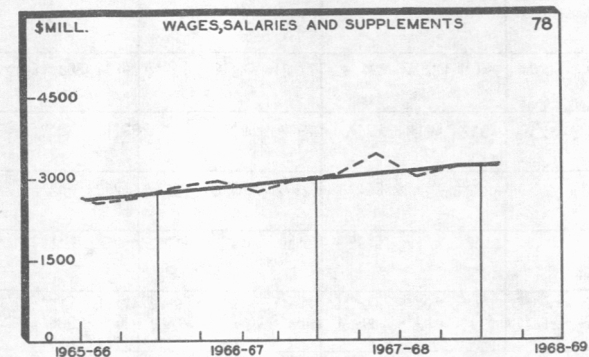
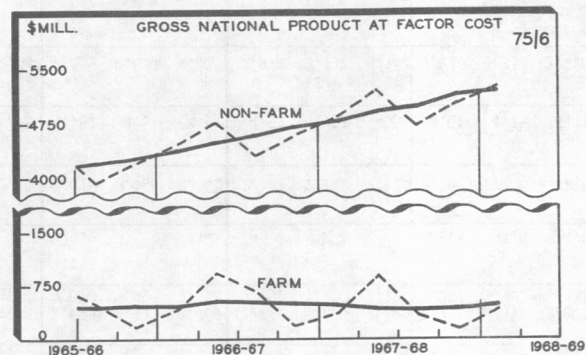
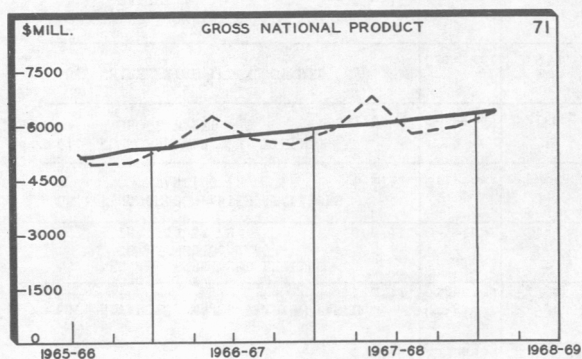


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BUILDING, ETC.																										
53.	BUILDING APPROVALS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	149.8 180.0	147.7 170.4	142.4 151.4	153.6 156.9	195.5 171.2	176.6 152.9	158.3 162.3	168.1 154.8	190.7 173.8	180.4 169.5	181.6 179.6	159.0 196.4	165.1 188.5	165.2 181.0	182.4 185.7	175.0 186.9	223.4 195.3	202.6 192.6	198.6 185.6	203.3 196.4	187.2 171.0	193.8 174.0	
54.	BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	Original Adjusted	7.4 10.1	9.8 10.7	9.0 9.4	9.8 9.9	11.8 10.2	10.3 9.6	10.2 10.1	11.7 10.2	10.4 10.0	11.8 10.8	11.6 11.2	9.4 11.4	9.4 12.3	10.8 11.3	11.7 11.9	10.7 11.0	12.9 11.2	11.6 11.9	12.7 11.4	13.0 11.9	12.9 12.5	12.7 11.1	
55.	GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	\$ mill.	Original	57.2	32.6	28.5	36.7	50.7	44.6	29.8	32.9	48.1	47.7	36.5	43.8	52.1	43.0	52.4	46.4	66.4	39.3	38.0	35.6	36.6	34.4	
56.	BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		447.6 453.7			484.3 471.6			494.2 462.2			438.5 478.1			522.9 529.8			534.2 520.2						
57.	HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	Original Adjusted		28.3 29.0			29.6 29.6			31.5 29.5			28.6 30.0			30.4 31.2			32.6 32.5						
58.	BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		216.7 213.4			237.0 227.6			226.7 209.6			193.9 225.0			260.8 256.4			244.1 234.5						
59.	NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	122.0 (285.0 anticipated) 148.8 147.9 142.4					167.1 (335.9 anticipated) 191.8 162.5 174.2					143.0 (326.4 anticipated) 172.8 173.8 165.2					182.6* (419.4 anticipated) 177.5							
60.	NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	245.8 (527.5 anticipated) 296.7 282.3 278.1					266.7 (595.6 anticipated) 331.0 271.3 306.8					261.2 (604.5 anticipated) 338.2 300.2 317.3					294.3* (637.0 anticipated) 298.8							
FINANCE																										
61.	DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,512 5,506	5,544 5,549	5,551 5,593	5,558 5,642	5,623 5,709	5,765 5,756	5,821 5,805	5,890 5,853	5,952 5,903	6,001 5,949	6,031 5,984	6,021 6,003	6,046 6,049	6,071 6,075	6,068 6,104	6,043 6,142	6,112 6,199	6,222 6,222	6,280 6,261	6,349 6,299	6,385 6,341	6,442 6,385	
62.	HOUSING LOANS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	1,448	1,458	1,477	1,488	1,504	1,549	1,559	1,574	1,590	1,602	1,617	1,637	1,643	1,658	1,675	1,690	1,705	1,751	1,767	1,779	1,795	1,813	
63.	DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,383 5,262	5,489 5,300	5,516 5,324	5,373 5,301	5,310 5,352	5,265 5,357	5,259 5,421	5,298 5,456	5,342 5,484	5,447 5,526	5,593 5,589	5,717 5,633	5,819 5,689	5,816 5,613	5,832 5,627	5,759 5,686	5,689 5,734	5,698 5,796	5,683 5,858	5,668 5,837	5,745 5,898	5,887 5,971	5,979 5,973
64.	ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,934 2,998	2,912 3,024	2,962 3,040	3,086 3,070	3,137 3,098	3,181 3,124	3,244 3,157	3,229 3,190	3,229 3,224	3,311 3,277	3,312 3,302	3,307 3,332	3,267 3,337	3,288 3,413	3,354 3,441	3,504 3,483	3,559 3,513	3,598 3,534	3,662 3,563	3,676 3,632	3,665 3,661	3,717 3,680	3,705 3,694
65.	NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	25.7	28.4	42.6	35.2	35.9	31.1	36.9	32.6	30.7	28.4	33.5	34.5	29.7	29.7	34.8	38.5	35.9	34.9	35.5	41.1	30.7	35.6	31.9
66.	FINANCE COMPANIES, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (b)	\$ mill.	Original	2,062	2,065	2,080	2,078	2,098	2,088	2,107	2,142	2,176	2,192	2,246	2,259	2,277	2,288	2,329	2,354	2,407	2,421	2,453	2,487	2,506		
67.	COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent	Original	4.50	4.51	4.51	4.52	4.51	4.52	4.53	4.53	4.51	4.51	4.75	4.71	4.80	4.84	4.86	4.87	4.85	4.84	4.84	4.83	4.83	4.82	4.72
68.	SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		Original	2,939	2,907	2,840	2,855	2,860	2,835	2,972	3,132	3,184	3,236	3,330	3,270	3,316	3,423	3,367	3,509	3,825	4,077	4,162	4,224	4,166	4,009	4,106
69.	LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED /	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		68.0 93.6			44.9 62.1			92.4 81.0			139.4 108.0			115.2 140.7			121.8 138.9						
70.	TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated revenue funds	\$ mill.	Original	362.0	436.2	490.8	686.2	628.1	597.2	292.9	283.0	287.8	302.8	335.0	326.8	368.7	508.2	551.8	781.3	675.1	643.9	333.9	301.1	283.5	346.5	

(a) See notes, page 14. (b) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. (c) Average, three years ended June 1939 = 1,000. * Preliminary. / Revised.

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		1966-67		1967-68				1968-69	
		March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS									
71. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,609 5,757	5,468 5,859	5,812 5,897	6,751 6,011	5,726 6,098	5,932 6,274	6,384 6,389
72. <u>plus</u> IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	950 959	979 968	1,009 988	967 991	1,085 1,094	1,070 1,060	1,096 1,072
73. <u>less</u> EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	883 896	934 906	853 888	904 883	859 872	934 905	897 933
74. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,676 5,820	5,513 5,921	5,968 5,997	6,814 6,119	5,952 6,320	6,068 6,429	6,583 6,528
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST -									
75. FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	661 538	194 533	365 502	875 431	335 436	155 437	442 490
76. NON-FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,339 4,602	4,637 4,718	4,844 4,772	5,240 4,941	4,722 4,985	5,066 5,158	5,288 5,224
77. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,000 5,140	4,831 5,251	5,209 5,274	6,115 5,372	5,057 5,421	5,221 5,595	5,730 5,714
78. WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,768 2,890	2,955 2,985	3,026 3,013	3,229 3,107	3,005 3,114	3,206 3,237	3,272 3,264
79. INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES	\$ mill.	Original	455	6	148	630	131	-42	209
80. OTHER PERSONAL INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	1,068	1,270	1,141	1,291	1,131	1,361	1,204
81. <u>less</u> INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties	\$ mill.	Original	499	493	527	657	521	558	594
82. PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	3,792	3,738	3,788	4,493	3,746	3,967	4,091
83. PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,252 3,411	3,441 3,463	3,512 3,555	3,852 3,626	3,532 3,689	3,719 3,742	3,731 3,776
GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -									
84. PRIVATE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	841 922	968 931	947 956	1,050 992	913 1,001	1,074 1,034	1,046 1,047
85. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,310 1,449	1,602 1,467	1,465 1,522	1,617 1,551	1,411 1,560	1,784 1,638	1,570 1,629

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 15)	Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 15)
1.	..	48.	Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges, insurance and retailers' subsidiaries.
2.	..	49.	Excludes wheel tractors of 15 horsepower or less before July 1967, and crawler tractors of 3,000 pounds weight or less.
3.	22	50,51	Registrations recorded by the registration authorities. Includes all government owner vehicles other than Defence Service vehicles.
4.	22	52.	Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences.
5.	22	53,54.	Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units.
6.	22,28	55.	Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale.
7.	22,26	56.	Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land.
8.	22,25	57.	Excludes conversions to flats.
9.	22,29	58.	See 56 above.
10.	22,27	59,60	Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for each quarter and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than \$500,000 in any half year.
11.	15	61.	Deposits at end of period - all savings banks.
12.	10	62.	Housing loans outstanding at end of period, all savings banks.
13.	-	63,64	Monthly averages of weekly figures of the major trading banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks).
14.	-	65	Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of month. The series comprises new and increased lending commitments for both overdrafts and term loans entered into by major trading banks (commitments in respect of temporary loans to woolbuyers are excluded). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.
15.	18	66.	At end of period. Covers main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, comprising instalment credit for retail sales, wholesale hire purchase, other consumer and commercial loans and factoring. In so far as they provide instalment credit for retail sales the Finance Companies are also included in 51, Instalment Credit for Retail Sales. Includes leasing.
16-17.	20	67.	Theoretical 2 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth taxation less rebate of 10 cents per dollar. Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.
18.	1,37	68.	Average of monthly prices per \$2 of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney.
19-20.	12	69.	Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issues of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies.
21.	-	70.	Excludes taxation collections paid direct to trust funds, e.g. motor taxes.
22,24-6.	11	71-85	For references to concepts see "Australian National Accounts, National Income and Expenditure", published May, 1968.
23.	11	86.	..
27.	11	87.	Includes major additions and major alterations to existing buildings
28.	11	88.	End of quarter. Includes hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.
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